

# THE INDEPENDENT

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## BUSINESS MEN WILL ASSIST BAND CARNIVAL

**Favor Beautifying Grounds Adjacent To Alexander School — Dinner Meeting In March — Discuss Various Questions.**

The Grimsby Business Men's Association held its February meeting in the Council Chambers on Tuesday evening when interesting discussions took place on the various matters to which attention was directed. The president, C. D. Millard, was in the chair. There was an excellent representation of members present and keen interest was evidenced in the questions considered.

Those in attendance cordially received a proposal to assist the Grimsby Band in connection with a carnival which that organization is contemplating putting on to raise funds to finance the band and the executive was named to co-operate with the band in the matter, with power to name a committee to assist in connection with the proposed carnival.

The matter of curb signs was also considered at some length, comment being made on the number displayed along the Main Street. It was pointed out that the Highway Department had a certain amount of jurisdiction in connection with street signs in communities the size of Grimsby. A committee, comprising Hugh Whyte and C. J. West, was named to inquire into the legal aspect of the matter.

Considerable discussion took place as to the speed with which traffic moves through the town and the danger to pedestrians and children involved in drivers not slowing down and exercising care when passing through the municipality. The suggestion was made that the stopping of speeding drivers by the police and warning them might be of assistance in curbing this. The meeting named a committee comprising Mr. Mayor McPherson and Roy St. John, to confer with the police committee of the town on the matter.

The proposal to take over the Alexander School property for municipal offices was also the subject of some discussion, information being given as to the resolution passed by the Board of Education indicating its willingness to place it at the town's disposal for the purpose.

The beautification of the grounds adjacent to the Alexander School was proposed and a resolution was passed that the town council do so irrespective of whether the school is utilized for town purposes or not.

The next meeting to be held some time during March will take the form of a dinner meeting when an outstanding speaker will address the gathering.

The Association endorsed a resolution asking reconsideration of the decision to close the local Customs and Excise Office and to advise the Minister of National Revenue, Ottawa.

## Pays Official Visit To Union Lodge

On Thursday evening last, Rt. Wor. Bro. Hicks of Caledonia, District Deputy Grand Master of Hamilton Masonic District B, paid his official visit to Union Lodge No. 7. Mr. Hicks was accompanied by a number of Masons from Caledonia and Hamilton. The District Deputy was introduced by L. J. Farrell who was for a few years a citizen of Caledonia. After the degree work the brethren adjourned to the banquet room where Rt. Wor. Bro. Hicks delivered an inspiring address on "The Duties of a Master".

The guests were received by L. A. Broomey, W.M. of the Lodge. During the evening H. H. Foster, the historian of the Lodge, presented Union Lodge on behalf of Mr. Wm. Pitch, with some rare old Masonic Books. A two minute silence was observed in respect to our late King George V.

## GUNMEN SECURE \$1,200 FROM BANK IN HAMILTON

Two daring gunmen held up and robbed the Hamilton and Locke streets branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce Thursday afternoon and secured \$1,200 in cash.

Since the things sped away from the bank and customers to the face downward on the floor while carrying out the robbery, no clue to their identities or whereabouts has been revealed.



A. D. Fleming, honored with chairmanship of Beamsville Board of Education at its inaugural meeting.

## St. Catharines Would Modernize No. 8 Highway—Four Lanes

The St. Catharines city council, at Tuesday's regular session, were unanimous in calling upon the provincial government to modernize provincial highway No. 8 into a four lane highway. In addition to passing a lengthy resolution to this effect, setting forth the arguments for road construction work on this important highway, the council decided to forward the petition to all municipalities within Lincoln County asking endorsement of the request.

## BREAK-INS OVER WEEK-END

**Fail To Open Safes At Grimsby Planing Mill and Grimsby Garage — Car Taken Is Recovered.**

Break-ins were numerous in Grimsby and district during the weekend. At the D. Marsh Estate Planing Mill, early Sunday morning the culprits forced their way into the mill by a side door. Entrance was gained to the office for forcing another door and the office safe was moved to the centre of the floor and the combination knocked off, stated Fred M. Marsh. One of the door hinges had also been cut off with a hatchet. Their efforts to open the safe, however, were unsuccessful.

During the same early hours they also visited the Grimsby Garage, gaining entrance to the building by breaking through a back window. Apparently with the aid of the street lights on Main Street they worked on the safe in the office. They sawed the hinges from the door smashed off the combination and apparently attempted to force the door with some part of bar but their attempts were futile. The saw was left lying by the safe and a garage blow torch had been used on the door. They however, equipped a 1935 Chevrolet DeLoren sedan with license plates from another car, filled the gas tank with gas siphoned from another car in the garage and made their getaway, leaving the big front door standing wide open. The stolen car was recovered in Toronto where it had been abandoned.

Earlier in the evening thieves paid a visit to George Howard's Service Station on No. 8 highway, near St. Catharines and Provincial Police were of the opinion that these were the same as the ones working in Grimsby. Here they secured a small quantity of candy, cigarettes and groceries.

It is understood William Pitch, fingerprint expert of the Hamilton police department was called down to examine the safes for finger marks but that they were unable to find any prints.

Police were called early Saturday to investigate a break-in at the Wilsons Garage on No. 8 highway where entrance had been gained by breaking a side window. The owners heard the noise and rushed from their home as quickly as they could get dressed.

The British-American Service Station at Smithville had been broken into the same way but the culprits were apparently frightened away as the only missing thing was fifty cop-

## A. D. FLEMING HEADS BD. OF EDUCATION

**Honored With Chairmanship Of Beamsville Board — Committees Named.**

Mr. A. D. Fleming was honored with the chairmanship of the Board of Education of the Village of Beamsville at its inaugural meeting held on Wednesday evening last, when all members of that body were in attendance. Mr. E. Bradbury was named vice-chairman.

Mr. Fleming enters upon his fifth year as a member of the Board, having been re-elected this year for another two year term. He is well qualified for this responsible position having served on the various committees and gained a thorough acquaintance with the work of the Board. Mr. Fleming's wide municipal experience includes also years as a member of the village council on which he has also given valued service to the municipality.

The committees of the Beamsville Board of Education for the year are as follows, the first named in each case having been selected as chairman: Education, Fred Barrackough and the wife's board; Finance, Fred Jeffrey, Al. Taylor and Dr. C. J. Freeman; Internal, Charles Tolman, W. C. Telford and Rev. A. De Rose; Extension, E. Bradbury, Z. Kimberley, Alana Taylor; Community, E. Kimberley, V. C. Telford and F. Barrackough; vocational advisory committee, the chairman of the board and the chairman of committee, with J. W. Trevelyan, Dr. J. B. Stoddard, R. H. Culp, Norman Miller, Street Culp and Blake Davidson.

Mrs. Clarence Buck was reappointed to the public library board for the three-year term.

## ATTEND CONVENTION

A delegation of Lincoln County ploughmen Thursday attended the annual provincial convention at Toronto. After hearing representations from several counties it was decided to take the 1936 international match eastward to the Cornwall district for the counties of Glengarry and Stormont. The junior farmers' class which has become probably the most popular in the list is to again be a feature and will probably be held on the third day of the match instead of the fourth. The competition is open to teams of three young men under 25 from each county.

## Easy In Miami

Annette Mahmeister dons the most unique pair of shoes in the world in her office at the San Diego, Cal., Fair, reopening Feb. 12. Made of redwood and having cement soles, they were constructed for test of office flooring as she walks to and fro.



Here is the late King's favorite pony, "Jack," on his way to Hamilton in retirement. It was on "Jack" that the late King George V. rode.

## COUNCIL FAVORS TAXING HYDRO

**Pass Resolution For Such Legislation — Would Pay Own Education of County Pupils.**

The budget of business dealt with by the Grimsby town council at its February meeting was a comparatively light one, council adjourning about ten o'clock. Mayor Lewis was in the chair and all members were present.

Considerable discussion as to legislation providing for the taxing of hydro properties, the same as properties of privately owned companies, took place, the council passing the following resolution in connection therewith:

It was moved by Councillor Dick, seconded by Councillor Williams, that this Grimsby Town Council go on record as favoring legislation whereby all properties of the Ontario Hydro Power Commission are subject to taxation on the same basis as privately owned companies and that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Hydro Electric Power Commission, Ontario Municipal Electric Association and the Ontario Municipal Assn.

Reeve Mogg dealt at some length with the matter of Education Code and advocated that individual municipalities of the county each look after their own interests in this respect rather than through the county. He pointed out that under the present system, Grimsby not only is paying its own costs but those of high school pupils of other municipalities. He said that a substantial saving would be effected in the various municipalities if handled through the individual municipality. The council supported the stand taken by Reeve Mogg and he will endeavor to interest other municipalities in an endeavor to effect the change suggested.

The application of W. H. Betts to open a meat store at No. 10 Main St. East was approved, payment of usual transient trading tax offered under bylaw number 20 to be made. Relief accounts for the period of January 15, 1935 and January 31, (Continued on page 5)

## Coming Event

ST. JOHN'S LADIES AID will hold a Valentine Supper in the church rooms on Friday, February 16th. Hot Supper at 6.30, followed by a short program. Admission 25c.

## Old "Jock" Pensioned Off

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## FEBRUARY MEETING TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

**No Action By Hydro On Arrears of Taxes On 16 Foot Strip of Land At Beach Taken Over From H.G. & B. Railway.**

At the regular February meeting of the North Grimsby township council, considerable attention was given to the matter of tax arrears on a sixteen foot strip of land running from No. 8 highway northward to Central Avenue, the land being owned by the Hydro which took it over from the old H. G. & B. radial. It is the old right of way of the radial line which at one time served Grimsby Beach.

After considerable discussion the matter was laid over for further consideration, legal advice to be sought in the meantime. Councillor Durham favored drastic action in the matter.

All members of the council were in attendance, Reeve Lawson in the chair.

It is understood that there is a waterworks debt of \$100 against the property which will not mature for another eight years, hydro having paid the taxes on the property for the years 1931 to 1935 but has since that time declined to do so.

Deeds have been given to property owners in front of whose properties the right of way crosses from central Avenue to the C.N.R. tracks.

The viewpoint of the council is that the Hydro is liable for the taxes but it is understood that Hydro does not feel so obligated.

The road superintendent, James D. Stuart, expressed his appreciation of the close co-operation received from the council members during the past year.

The sum of \$7,000 was the appropriation for road expenditures for the year 1935 under the Highway Improvement Act.

It was moved by Deputy Reeve Graham, seconded by Councillor Durham that the showing of water service in the township be borne by the users of the municipality on a fifty-fifty basis.

Vital statistics for the year 1935 showed 26 births, 6 marriages and 23 deaths.

L. H. Leach, manager of the local branch of the Royal Bank has received notice of his transfer to Brockville, effective early in March. His position will be taken by Mr. Dalmage, mgr. of the branch at Arthur.

## REEVE MOGG WOULD REVISE SYSTEM OF ASSESSING



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**Suggests Course In Assessment For Municipal Representatives — University To Consider Suggestion.**

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